

APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER TO THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE
TRAVANCORE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES BILL.

MR. PUTHUPALLY S. KRISHNA PILLAI: I beg to move that Mr. P. N. Nilakanta Pillai be nominated as a member of the Joint Committee on the Travancore District Municipalities Bill in the place of Mr. P. S. Muhammed.

The motion was put and carried.

THE TRAVANCORE MEDICAL REGISTRATION BILL.

MR. PUTHUPALLY S. KRISHNA PILLAI: I rise to present the report of the Select Committee on the Travancore Medical Registration Bill. I wish to make a few observations before I proceed to make the motion relating to the Bill as revised by the Select Committee. When this Bill was referred to a Select Committee a few years back, it appeared to have been the opinion of some members of this Assembly that the scope of the Bill must be enlarged for the purpose of bringing within its ambit Homeopathic practitioners and Ayurvedic physicians practising in the State. Much was said in support of that proposition. But the member in charge of the Bill vehemently opposed it and finally said that such matters will have to be considered separately. On this understanding the opinion of the House was ascertained. The scope of the Bill, as I said, was adopted and the Bill was referred to a Select Committee. The Select Committee have therefore confined themselves to the question as to what extend and in what manner allopathic practitioners should be brought under control. I make this observation because I find that even at the present moment there appears to prevail some feeling that Homeopathic doctors and Ayurvedic physicians should also be brought under control. Several amendments have been tabled to that effect. When those amendments are taken up for consideration I will have to raise my objections to them. With these observations, Sir, I move that the Bill as revised by the Select Committee be taken up for consideration.

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN: I second it.

MR. J. E. A. PEREIRA (*Commerce and Industry South*): Sir, we on this side of the House cannot hear anything that is said. I therefore suggest that the member in possession of the House may come to the centre of the Hall and speak.

PRESIDENT: The honourable member will recollect that one or two alternative methods of seating arrangements were devised. I suppose by the other system of sitting longitudinally we could hear better.

MR. J. E. A. PEREIRA: I would be more convenient if the member addressing the House comes to the centre.